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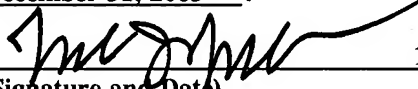
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Helmut SCHMETZER
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For : METHOD FOR STRAPPING AND ESPECIALLY FOR
LONGITUDINALLY STRAPPING PACKAGED MATERIAL
WITH A STRAP
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: